



Jay W. Clark

July 21, 1958 - November 12, 2025

Hampton- Jay Wikan Clark, 67, passed away on November 12, 2025 in Hampton, New Hampshire after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Born and raised in Westfield, Massachusetts, Jay later made his way to his mother's hometown of Petersburg, Alaska (Little Norway), where he spent many adventurous years as a commercial fisherman, surrounded by his Norwegian-Alaskan family. Jay ended up moving back to New England and made his home in Hampton, New Hampshire, where he built a life filled with warmth, laughter, and adventure.

Jay was preceded in death by his father James Buotte, Sr. Jay is survived by his children Jack Clark and Lilly Williams, and her husband, Alex Williams, as well as his mother Jane Slater and siblings David Buotte, Veronica Carter, Kristine Schierer and Kathleen Buotte. He also shared a loving and joyful partnership with his girlfriend, Christine Galer, whose companionship brought immense happiness to his life.

Jay was a gregarious man with a gift for connecting with people. His quick wit and unmistakably sarcastic sense of humor made him unforgettable to everyone he met. After spending his early years as a commercial fisherman in Alaska, Jay was later drawn to working with people, spending much of his career in sales positions and later, as a chauffeur. Jay also loved connecting with children and spent many hours volunteering as a coach for youth sports

teams.

Jay's passions were many and reflected his deep appreciation for the world around him. He was an avid sports fan and loved his Boston sports teams. He also loved live music, never missing a chance to dance or enjoy a great show. He found peace in fishing, joy in bird watching, and a sense of freedom in exploring the outdoors. Whether he was at the beach, wandering a wooded trail, or spending time with friends, Jay brought energy, levity, and genuine warmth wherever he went.

Jay will be remembered as the life of the party, a loyal friend, an incredible father, a loving son and brother, and a partner whose presence could brighten any room. His family and friends will forever miss him—and forever carry his spirit in their hearts.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Project Purple by clicking here (<https://www.projectpurple.org>)

Details about a Celebration of Life to come.

Tribute Wall



“ Jay was a larger than life person to me. He lived life to its fullest. He had many talents including being an amazing carpenter and builder. He had a true ability to connect with people and earn their trust and friendship. Most of all he was a great Dad who was always there for his kids. Never thought we would see him go so soon. We'll meet again someday Jayman.

-Stew Mountain



Stew Mountain - November 24, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ As a fellow Westfield high school class of '76 alumni, we all enjoyed Jay's company when he joined us for reunions and luncheons. He has a beautiful soul and loved his family immensely. May you all have tears of happiness to have had him in your life with his kindness and love he shared.

Joyce Dolat - November 24, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ I'm so sorry to learn this news. Jay was my neighbor. He was such a wonderful guy! We had some great conversations. He will be missed!

Jessie Nickerson - November 24, 2025 at 09:19 AM

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Christine Galer - November 23, 2025 at 06:27 PM



My heartfelt condolences to you.

Joyce Dolat - November 24, 2025 at 01:47 PM

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“ Jay has had a special place in my heart since we met in High School. (I will always remember him as Jim Buotte). My condolences go out to his entire family. I pray that happy memories will comfort you during this difficult time.

Marie Engel

Marie Engel - November 22, 2025 at 04:51 PM

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“ I no longer have anyone who can make me laugh as much as my dear friend Jay did. Miss you a lot jayman



kate schwer - November 22, 2025 at 04:15 PM

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“ *Our annual Coast Guard Reunion in 2024
@ Dover Point NH*



Carrier Mark - November 22, 2025 at 03:33 PM